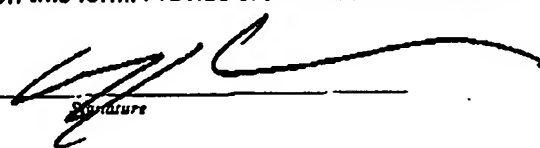


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> (Large Entity)				Docket No. 2903	
In Re Application Of: <b>GERSTNER, K, ET AL</b>					
Application No. 10/812,161	Filing Date 03/29/2004	Examiner AKANBI, I.O.	Customer No. 278	Group Art Unit 2877	Confirmation No.
Invention: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS...</b>					
<b><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></b>					
<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>06/29/2006</u> above-identified application. <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span></p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month             <input type="checkbox"/> Two months             <input type="checkbox"/> Three months             <input type="checkbox"/> Four months             <input type="checkbox"/> Five months       </p> <p>         from: <u>09/29/2006</u>     until: <u>10/29/2006</u>  <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>     <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span> </p> <p>The fee for the extension of time is \$120 and is to be paid as follows:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 194675  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 194675  <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.       </p> <p><b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
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10/25/2006 TL0111 08888823 194675 18812161 01 FC:1251 128.00 DA			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Date)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p> </div>		
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